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A P R O C L A M A T I O N,

For putting the Laws in Execution against Persons feloniously sending Letters demanding Money, or other Effects, and against other Offenders therein mentioned, and for discovering and bringing them to Justice.

G E O R G E R.

WHEREAS in and by an Act of Parliament made in the Ninth Year of the Reign of our late Royal Father, of Glorious Memory (Entitled, An Act for the more effectual punishing wicked and evil disposed Persons going armed in Disguise, and doing Injuries and Violences to the Persons and Properties of His Majesty's Subjects, and for the more speedy bringing the Offenders to Justice) it was, amongst other Things, enacted, That if any Person or Persons should set Fire to any House, Barn, or Out-house, or to any Hovel, Cock, Mow or Stack of Corn, Straw, Hay or Wood, or should knowingly send any Letter without any Name subscribed thereto, or signed with a fictitious Name, demanding Money, Venison, or other valuable Thing, or should forcibly rescue any Person being lawfully in Custody of any Officer, or other Person, for any of the Offences before mentioned, or should by Gift, or Promise of Money, or other Reward, procure any of His Majesty's Subjects to joyn him or them in any such unlawful Act, every Person so offending, being thereof lawfully convicted, should be adjudged guilty of Felony, and should suffer Death as in Cases of Felony without Benefit of Clergy; and for the more easy and speedy bringing the Offenders against the said Act to Justice, it was thereby enacted; That if any Person or Persons should be charged with being Guilty of any of the Offences aforesaid, before any two or more of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace of the County where such Offence or Offences were or should be committed, by Information of one or more credible Person or Persons, upon Oath by him or them to be subscribed, such Justices, before whom such Information should be made as aforesaid, should forthwith certify under their Hands and Seals, and return such Information to one of the Principal Secretaries of State of His said late

Majesty, His Heirs, or Successors, who was thereby required to lay the same, as soon as conveniently might be, before His said late Majesty, His Heirs, or Successors, in His or their Privy Council, whereupon it should and might be lawful for His said late Majesty, His Heirs, or Successors, to make His or their Order in His or their said Privy Council, thereby requiring and commanding such Offender or Offenders to surrender him or themselves, within the Space of Forty Days, to any of the Justices of the Court of King's Bench, or to any one Justice of the Peace, to the End that he or they might be forthcoming to answer the Offence or Offences wherewith he or they should so stand charged according to due Course of Law; which Order should be printed and published in the next London Gazette, and should be forthwith transmitted to the Sheriff of the County where the Offence should be committed, and should within six Days after the Receipt thereof, be proclaimed by him, or his Officers, between the Hours of Ten in the Morning and Two in the Afternoon, in the Market Places, upon the respective Market Days, of two Market Towns in the same County, near the Place where such Offence should be committed, and a true Copy of such Order should be affixed upon some publick Place in such Market Towns; and in case such Offender or Offenders should not surrender him or themselves pursuant to such Order of his said late Majesty, His Heirs, or Successors, to be made in Council as aforesaid, he or they so neglecting or refusing to surrender him or themselves as aforesaid, should, from the Day appointed for his or their Surrender as aforesaid, be adjudged, deemed, and taken to be convicted and attainted of Felony, and should suffer Pains of Death, as in case of a Person convicted and attainted by Verdict and Judgment of Felony, without Benefit of Clergy; and that it should be lawful to and for the Court of King's Bench, or the Justices of Oyer and Terminer, or General Goal Delivery for the County, where the Offence is sworn in such Information to have been committed, upon producing to them such Order in Council, under the Seal of the Council, to award Execution against such Offender and Offenders, in such manner as if he or they had been convicted and attainted in the said Court of King's Bench, or before such Justices of Oyer and

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and Terminer, or General Goal Delivery respectively; and it is by the said Act enacted, That all and every Person and Persons, who should, after the time appointed as aforesaid for the Surrender of any Person or Persons so charged upon Oath with any the Offences aforesaid, be expired, conceal, aid, abet, or succour such Person or Persons, knowing him or them to have been so charged as aforesaid, and to have been required to surrender him or themselves, by such Order or Orders as aforesaid, being lawfully convicted thereof, should be guilty of Felony, and should suffer Death as in Cases of Felony without Benefit of Clergy; and it was by the said Act enacted, That from and after the First Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and twenty three, the Inhabitants of every Hundred within that Part of Great Britain called England, should make full Satisfaction and Amends to all and every the Person and Persons, their Executors and Administrators, for the Damages they should have sustained or suffered (amongst other things) by the setting Fire to any House, Barn, or Outhouse, Hovel, Cock, Mow, or Stack of Corn, Straw, Hay, or Wood, which should be committed or done by any Offender or Offenders against the said Act; and that every Person or Persons, who should sustain Damages by any of the Offences last mentioned, should be thereby enabled to sue for and recover such his or their Damages, the Sum to be recovered not exceeding the Sum of two hundred Pounds, against the Inhabitants of the said Hundred, who by the said Act were made liable to answer all or any part thereof: Provided, and it was thereby further enacted, That where any Offence should be committed against the said Act, and any one of the said Offenders should be apprehended and lawfully convicted of such Offence within the Space of six Months after such Offence committed, no Hundred, or any Inhabitants thereof, should in any wise be subject or liable to make any Satisfaction to the Party injured, for the Damages he should have sustained; and it was thereby further enacted, That if any Person or Persons should apprehend or cause to be convicted, any of the Offenders abovementioned, and should be killed or wounded, so as to lose an Eye, or the Use of any Limb, in apprehending or securing, or endeavouring to apprehend or secure any of the Offenders abovementioned, upon Proof thereof made at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County, Liberty, Division, or Place where the Offence was or should be committed, or the Party killed, or receive such Wound by the Person or Persons so apprehending and causing the said Offender to be convicted, or the Person or Persons so wounded, or the Executors or Administrators of the Party killed, the Justices of the said Sessions should give a Certificate thereof to such Person or Persons so wounded, or to the Executors or Administrators of the Person or Persons so killed, by which he or they should be entitled to receive, of the Sheriff of the said County, the Sum of Fifty Pounds, to be allowed the said Sheriff in passing his Accounts in the Exchequer, which Sum of Fifty

Pounds the said Sheriff was thereby required to pay within Thirty Days from the Day on which such Certificate should be produced and shewn to him, under the Penalty of forfeiting the Sum of Ten Pounds to the said Person or Persons to whom such Certificate should be given; for which said Sum of Ten Pounds, as well as the said Sum of Fifty Pounds, such Person might and was thereby authorized to bring an Action upon the Case against such Sheriff as for Money had and received to his or their Use; and it was thereby further enacted, That the said Act should continue in Force from the First Day of June One thousand seven hundred and twenty three, for the Space of three Years, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament, and no longer, as by the said Act (amongst other Clauses and Things therein contained) more at large may appear, which Act hath since been continued and is in full Force: And whereas several Informations upon Oath have been transmitted to our Principal Secretary of State, containing Accounts that Letters have been sent to divers Persons inhabiting in our Cities of London and Westminster, and also in our Cities of Bristol and Exeter, and other Parts of our Kingdom, requiring such Persons to deposit certain Sums of Money in particular Places mentioned in the said Letters, and threatening to set Fire to their Houses, and to burn and destroy them and their Families, in case of Refusal, some of which Threats have been accordingly put in Execution; all which horrid and felonious Practices are carried on in open Violation and Defiance of our Laws, particularly of the said recited Act, to the great Dread and Terror of many of our loving and peaceable Subjects, and are attended with the most pernicious and fatal Consequences; We taking the Premises into our serious Consideration, and being firmly resolved to exert our Royal Care for the Preservation of the Lives and Properties of our faithful Subjects, and to bring such Offenders to condign Punishment, to the End that an effectual Stop may be put to all such detestable and wicked Attempts, have thought fit, with the Advice of our Privy Council, to issue this our Royal Proclamation, hereby strictly commanding and requiring all our Justices of the Peace, Sheriffs, Under-Sheriffs, and Civil Officers whatsoever, and all other our Subjects, that they do use their utmost Endeavours to discover and apprehend all such Persons as have been or shall be guilty of, or in any wise concerned in any of the Offences before mentioned; and We do hereby promise and declare, That any Person or Persons, (excepting the Persons actually setting Fire to any House, or other the Premises in the said Act mentioned, or actually giving the Stroke in any Murder or Maihem done, or to be done in committing any of the Offences herein mentioned) who, within the space of one Year next ensuing the Date hereof, shall discover and apprehend, or cause to be discovered and apprehended, any Person who within Four Months last past hath sent, or hereafter shall send any Letter contrary

trary to the true Intent and Meaning of the said Act, or who, upon or by reason of the unlawful Demand made in any such Letter not being complied with, hath within Four Months last past, or hereafter shall set Fire to any House, or other the Premises in the said Act mentioned, or kill, wound, or do any bodily Harm to any Person whatsoever, shall have and receive for every such Offender discovered and apprehended, so as he be convicted thereof, the Sum of Three Hundred Pounds, over and above all other Rewards to which the said Person or Persons may be entitled, which Sum the Commissioners of our Treasury, or our High Treasurer of Great Britain for the Time being, are hereby directed and required to pay accordingly, without any further Warrant in that Behalf; and if the Person so discovering and apprehending any such Offender as aforesaid (except as before is excepted) shall have been an Accomplice in such Offence, and by reason thereof shall stand in need of our most gracious Pardon, We do hereby further promise and declare, that such Person shall have our most gracious Pardon. And to the End that wicked and profligate Persons may meet with no Encouragement to make Attempts so destructive of the publick Peace, and may be deterred from pursuing the same, We do hereby strictly prohibit and forbid all our loving Subjects whatsoever to pay or deposit any Money, or do any other Act in Compliance with any Demand made or to be made by any such Letter as aforesaid, and that they do immediately, upon the Receipt of any such Letter, give Information thereof to some neighbouring Justice of the Peace, or other Magistrate, upon Pain of our high Displeasure; and We do hereby further strictly charge and command all our Justices of the Peace, Sheriffs, Under Sheriffs, and all other our Civil Officers whatsoever, that they do effectually put in Execution the said recited Act of Parliament, and all Laws and Statutes made against any of the Offences before mentioned, or against Rogues, Vagrants, and idle and disorderly Persons; and that the said Justices, and all other Officers, to whom it doth appertain, do give the necessary Directions, that sufficient Watch and Ward be duly kept, at such Times and Places as they shall judge proper, for the Defence and Protection of our Subjects against such illegal Violence, and for detecting and apprehending any Persons concerned therein; and We do hereby further strictly charge and command all our Officers, and all other our loving Subjects, that they be aiding and assisting in the Execution of our Commands herein, and in the apprehending and taking all such Offenders as aforesaid, to the Intent that they may be prosecuted with the utmost Severity and Rigour of Law.

Given at our Court at St. James's the Eighteenth Day of November, 1730, in the Fourth Year of Our Reign.

GOD save the KING.

Hague, Nov. 24, N. S. On the 22d Instant Admiral Perez had a publick Audience of the States, as Envoy Extraordinary from the Emperour of Morocco. To Day the States of the Province of Holland adjourned their Assembly to next Wednesday Fortnight. The Prince of Nassau Friseland proposes to set out from hence next Tuesday for Friseland.

Custom-House, London, Nov. 16, 1730.

For Sale, by Order of the Honourable Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs, &c. On Wednesday the 25th of November 1730, at Three a-Clock in the Afternoon, will be exposed to Sale by Inch of Candle, in the Long-Room at the Custom-House, London, a Parcel of Tea and Brandy; which are to be seen at the King's Warehouse on Monday the 23d, Tuesday the 24th Instant, from Nine to Twelve in the Forenoon, and from Two till Five in the Afternoon, and on Wednesday Morning before the Sale. N. B. Catalogues to be delivered at the King's Warehouse on Monday the 23d Instant.

Hand-in-Hand Fire Office, Nov. 12, 1730.

The Eight following Gentlemen are chosen new Directors for the Year ensuing.

Mr. John Badcock,	Mr. John Greenhill,
Mr. Joseph Hackney,	Mr. John Hodson,
Thomas Hucks, Esq;	Mr. Obadiah Jones,
Mr. Thomas Jordan,	Mr. John Sone.

The Sixteen following are continued according to the Deed of Settlement,

Mr. John Applebee,	John Baker, Esq;
Mr. Henry Clifton,	Mr. Henry Bigg,
Mr. Richard Fowler,	Mr. Nathanael Chandler,
Mr. John Johnson,	Mr. Thomas Cradock,
Thomas Jones, Esq;	Robert Gay, Esq;
Mr. William Leigh,	William Hucks, Esq;
Mr. Marmaduke Smith,	Mr. Anthony Nicholls,
Mr. William Weeks,	Mr. Matthew Tomlinson.

The Committee for Letting the Cities Lands in the Account of the Chamberlain of the City of London give Notice, That they intend to Let by several Leases, the Premises following, viz. No 1. One Messuage or Tenement in Great Trinity-Lane, in the Possession of Mr. Thomas Browne, with a Piece or Parcel of Ground behind same. No 2. One Messuage or Tenement in Grocers-Alley, late in the Possession of Mr. John Hubbard. And that the said Committee will sit in the Council Chamber of the Guildhall, London, on Wednesday the 25th Day of November Instant, at Four of the Clock in the Afternoon, to receive Proposals for the same: Of which more particular Information may be had at the Comptroller's Office in the Guildhall aforesaid.

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THE Creditors of James Barton, late of Liverpool, in the County of Lancaster, Mercer, deceased, are, pursuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, to prove their Debts on or before the Seventeenth of December next, before James Lightboun, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, at his Chambers in Lincoln's-Inn, or they will lose the Benefit of the said Decree.

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